



## LANCASTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Additional Arrests in Homicide Case

#### INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED:

On Wednesday evening, August 12th the below suspect was arrested in connection with the Homicide which occurred at 326 E. Orange St at 5:45 am the previous morning....

Charlie Jose Rivera-Rodriguez, 23  
700 Blk E. End Ave  
Lancaster, Pa.

After several hours of surveillance, Rivera-Rodriguez was observed walking out of his residence, shortly before 8:45 pm and was arrested by Detectives without incident. He was also found to be in possession of a handgun and was conveyed to the police station, where he was later interviewed and will be charged by Det. George Bonilla with Criminal Homicide(F-1), Burglary(F-1) and 2 Counts of Criminal Conspiracy(to commit both Homicide and Burglary) before Magisterial District Judge Janice Jimenez. Ballistic tests will be conducted on the handgun, found in the possession of Rivera-Rodriguez, to determine if it was used in the Homicide .

The investigation thus far has revealed that multiple suspects entered the victim's residence unlawfully, after which a struggle ensued between the suspects and the victim and the victim was ultimately shot multiple times inside the apartment and the suspects subsequently fled the scene.

The investigation into this Homicide is very active and on going, particularly as it relates to the involvement of other suspects.

#### UPDATED INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL ARRESTS:

As the investigation into this Homicide continued over the next several weeks, it became clear that this case was connected to a residence Robbery, which occurred at 456 S. Shippen St, only about 45 minutes prior to the Homicide.



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With respect to the Robbery at the Shippen St residence, Officers were dispatched to this residence shortly before 5:00 am, on the Morning of August 11th for a report of a Robbery. Upon arrival, Officers learned that multiple suspects had entered this residence unlawfully, threatened the residents with a rifle and handgun, tied them up and demanded money. A shot was also fired during the Robbery, inside the residence, but fortunately no one was struck. The suspects escaped with a variety of electronic items, as well as other loot and fled the scene.

As the investigation into both of these cases continued, the following individual was charged, first with his connection to the Robbery at 456 S. Shippen St....

Jose Antonio Montanez, 24  
500 Blk N. Plum St.  
Lancaster, Pa.

Montanez was subsequently arrested pursuant to this outstanding warrant on Wednesday afternoon, August 26th, at the Lancaster County Probation Department and he was later interviewed by Detectives George Bonilla and Kurt Miller. As a result of this, Montanez was then additionally charged with Criminal Homicide, Burglary and 2 Counts of Criminal Conspiracy(to commit both) by Det. Bonilla before Magisterial District Judge Janice Jimenez, for his role in the Homicide at 326 E. Orange St, as well. These charges being filed on Friday, August 28th. Montanez was then arraigned on these charges Friday, bail was set at \$250,000.00 for the Robbery Case and he was committed to Lancaster County Prison without bail on the Homicide case.

In addition, on Friday morning, shortly before 7:45 am, the below subject was arrested by the US Marshals Eastern District Fugitive Task Force(comprised of Officers from the Lancaster County Sheriff's Dept, State Police and Lancaster City) without incident, in 400 Blk S. Duke St....

Ismael Orlando Ortiz, 21  
400 Blk S. Duke St.  
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Ortiz was then interviewed by Det. James Fatta and subsequently charged with Robbery(F-1), Burglary(F-1)



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and 2 Counts of Criminal Conspiracy(to commit both) before Magisterial District Judge Kelly Ballentine by Det. Fatta for his role in the 456 S. Shippen St Robbery only. Ortiz was also arraigned Friday evening on these charges, bail was set at \$250,000.00 and he too was committed to Lancaster County Prison.

Detectives are continuing the investigation into both of these cases, particularly as it relates to additional charges on the suspects already arrested, as well as the possibility of additional arrests in both cases.

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As always, persons charged with crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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